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To: Kim Barker [REDACTED]
Subject: your story

Kim:

Thank you for contacting me about your upcoming story. I am sorry for missing your decline and hope you can still use this; I had family obligations this weekend; I'm sure you can appreciate that with five kids and my therapeutic foster parenting commitments, life can get pretty hectic.

As for your piece, in case you are not aware, the documents you apparently are relying on for much of your story appear to be stolen property, and as you have refused to allow me to see which stolen documents you are referencing, I really can't respond to most of your questions, which seem to be based on an erroneous and fanciful interpretation of what they mean.

A few points that I can simply and accurately address:

First and foremost, I do not run or direct the activities of my wife's business.

Second, and contrary to your belief, I and to the best of my knowledge the organizations I have worked with have always followed all applicable campaign finance laws. The report you reference by "Montana investigators" was a shoddy 'hit piece' filled with unsubstantiated claims and innuendo, the product of a partisan Commissioner. It should be noted that despite the sordid tale woven by the report, no charges were ever filed, no penalties assessed, and for that matter no request for a response was made by the Commission.

You may also be interested in knowing that the last 3 Commissioners have been union officials and allies of the incumbent governor who have all taken a dim view on free-market, pro-liberty voices speaking out. The past two included the Governor's personal lawyer and campaign treasurer, and one of them had to resign after being found violating the law.

As for shared addresses, surely you know that a registered agent typically handles hundreds or even thousands of incorporations for their clients. Apparently my wife used the same well-known registered agent service as WTP/ATP, as many other companies and organizations have also done.

I am proud of the successful track record of ATP and other citizens and groups I've been able to work with in challenging Montana's entrenched interests and the campaign finance laws they have used to stifle competition. It should be noted that every group or individual with whom I have consulted on 1st Amendment litigation has won EVERY SINGLE CASE when finally adjudicated in court. The only ones found to be breaking the law and violating rights in these cases were the government and their agents.

Before we began challenging Montana's campaign finance laws, ATP and other citizens and organizations I've worked with could not get their message out without a corrupt government agency investigating them. I responded by helping bring folks together and guiding their efforts to challenge to campaign finance laws and vindicate their First Amendment rights

Oddly, the League of Conservation Voters and other 501c4 groups who also do not disclose donors, and who educate the public about the issues via their nonprofit status, are not investigated in Montana, leading me to believe conservative groups are being chosen based upon their policy views.

My successful and lawful activities to expand free-market and pro-liberty ideas have now apparently made me a target for big-government forces who seek to restore the status quo.

I hope this gives you the information you need to do a fair and balanced piece. If you have any more questions, please contact Mr. Ferguson at ATP.

Sincerely,

- Christian LeFer